

# The Ohio Peace Collaborative at The Ohio State University

## Purpose

With the upcoming International Conflict Resolution Education conference taking place on campus in June, we thought the conference would serve as a great opportunity to promote, create and sustain a new initiative that advances the role of peace, justice and security in Columbus, in Ohio, and beyond.

We seek to create a conversation that emphasizes positivity, collaboration, and nonviolence; in today's world of political, social, and economic upheaval, we aim to put the concept of peace and understanding on equal footing with conflict and intolerance.

By building coalitions in Columbus and across the state in higher education, non-profit, for-profit, and government, we are starting a movement that brings people together, addresses important issues of human security, a peace-industrial complex, and redirecting our collective dialogue away from negativity and divisiveness.

## Impact

Meet in the Middle Event with the National Institute on Civil Discourse. Bridging the political divide in a presidential election year; examining the role of civil discourse, compromise, and bipartisanship in an election year; engaging community stakeholders on the importance of civility on campus and in the city of Columbus

Peace Film Festival with the Gateway Film Center and the Department

### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Film Studies

Wexner Medical Center

Mershon Center for International Security Studies

### Community Partners Involved

Gateway Film Center

Wexner Medical Center

State government and elected officials

National Institute on Civil Discourse

of Film Studies at The Ohio State University. Discussing the role of film and the arts in promoting peace, justice and security; collaborating with local amateur filmmakers to highlight the significance of using film as a medium in influencing peace, justice and security

Mental Health Panel and the role of health professionals in promoting peace, with the Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State. By collaborating with medical staff at the Wexner and with community partners in Columbus, this panel will give much needed attention to mental health, health care providers, and hospitals in promoting a more peaceful and just society. How can peace be impacted and influenced by the medical community? And what is a doctor's or other health care professional's role in promoting peace in our local communities?



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## How you can get involved:

- Host and organize their own respective events between June 8-June 14th, 2016 in conjunction with the International Conflict Resolution Education conference at Ohio State (interested partners can visit our website, [www.OhioPeace.com](http://www.OhioPeace.com), to register their events and to learn more)
- Attend, promote, or volunteer at any of our events in June and beyond.
- Support the Ohio Peace Collaborative, or any of our campus and off campus partners, by volunteering or contributing to their respective missions

## To get involved, contact:

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June 13

## Meet In the Middle

Working together to promote peace

7PM  
Mershon Center

Ohio Peace Collaborative presents

RUNNING  
WATER 10K  
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